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In Senate Chamber
Monday
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Senate called to order by President Mark W. Lawrence of York County.

Prayer by Senator Judy A. Paradis of Aroostook County.

Senator **PARADIS**: I would like us to keep in mind and have a special thought for our 2,200 children who are in foster care and a very special thank you for the 150 children who were adopted and found permanent homes last year.

Dear God, be with us at the start of our Legislative year. Help us be kind and pure of heart, generous and humble of spirit, wise and discerning in our decision making, inspired and trusting in our interactions, joy filled and pragmatic in our work, thoughtful and sincere as we serve the people of Maine in doing Your will. Dieu soit avec nous aujourd'hui, inspire nous de faire un bon travail pour les gens du Maine. Ainsi soit-il. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senator Richard P. Ruhlin of Penobscot County.

Doctor of the day, John A. James, M.D., Auburn.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, January 7, 1999.

Off Record Remarks

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: S.C. 26

**MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333**

January 6, 1999

The Honorable Mark W. Lawrence, President
Maine State Senate
The Honorable G. Steven Rowe, Speaker
Maine House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Lawrence and Speaker Rowe:

Pursuant to Joint Order, Senate Paper 831, the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development is pleased to submit

its final report. Copies of the report have been transmitted to the Legislative Council and to the Law and Legislative Reference Library.

Sincerely,

S/Sen. Mary R. Cathcart
Senate Chair

S/Rep. G. Steven Rowe
House Chair

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Create a Toll-free Telephone Line for the State Parks System" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 95 L.D. 234

Sponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, MAYO of Bath, PEAVEY of Woolwich.

REFERRED to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Cap on the Maine Rainy Day Fund"
S.P. 62 L.D. 132

Sponsored by President LAWRENCE of York.
Cosponsored by Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representatives: SHIAH of Bowdoinham, STEVENS of Orono.

Bill "An Act to Provide State Funding for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve"
S.P. 68 L.D. 171

Sponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MACDOUGALL of North Berwick and President LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: WHEELER of Eliot, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NASS of Acton, BOWLES of Sanford, COLLINS of Wells, ANDREWS of York.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Maine's Relationship with Aomori, Japan by Hosting a Cultural Exchange"
S.P. 69 L.D. 172

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BRENNAN of Portland and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, CATHCART of Penobscot, Representatives: MAYO of Bath, O'BRIEN of Augusta.

Bill "An Act to Designate the Allagash Wilderness Waterway as a Separate Program for Budgeting Purposes"

S.P. 87 L.D. 190

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Protect Consumers in Real Estate Mortgage Transactions"

S.P. 45 L.D. 116

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Bangor and Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, MAYO of Bath.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulations pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Amend Maine's Insurance Laws Regarding Gifts and Rebates"

S.P. 46 L.D. 117

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Bangor and Representatives: MAYO of Bath, O'NEIL of Saco.

Bill "An Act to Make Maine Medicare Supplement Insurance Laws Consistent with Federal Laws" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 48 L.D. 119

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Bangor and Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, MAYO of Bath.
Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulations pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act Requiring Life Insurers to Have a Return of Premium Provision"

S.P. 49 L.D. 165

Sponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: ABROMSON of Cumberland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Banking Code as it Pertains to ATM Surcharges"

S.P. 101 L.D. 240

Sponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of York and Representative MUSE of South Portland.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to License Home Inspectors"

S.P. 65 L.D. 168

Sponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland, Representative LEMONT of Kittery.

Bill "An Act to Appropriate Block Grants for Regional Tourism Promotion"

S.P. 75 L.D. 178

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Senator: FERGUSON of Oxford.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Equitable Treatment of Visitor Information Centers"

S.P. 88 L.D. 191

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Prevent Children from Acquiring Gunpowder"

S.P. 60 L.D. 130

Sponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and Representatives: POVICH of Ellsworth, WHEELER of Bridgewater.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Sex Offenders from Being near Schools or Day Care Facilities"

S.P. 92 L.D. 195

Sponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York.
Cosponsored by Senator: BENOIT of Franklin, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of Berwick.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide for Direct Reimbursement for Special Education Costs"
S.P. 54 L.D. 124

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative BAKER of Bangor and Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, KIEFFER of Aroostook, PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, PIEH of Bremen, RINES of Wiscasset, TRUE of Fryeburg.

Bill "An Act to Restrict the Posting on the Internet of Personal Information About Public School Students"
S.P. 93 L.D. 232

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Amount of State Contribution to Out-of-district Placements"
S.P. 96 L.D. 235

Sponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell and Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, PEAVEY of Woolwich.

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require the State to Fully Fund Out-of-district Placement of Special Education Students"
S.P. 51 L.D. 121

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative BAKER of Bangor and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, COWGER of Hallowell, DUGAY of Cherryfield, ETNIER of Harpswell, PERKINS of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine.

Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Lower the Age of Consent for the Donation of Blood"
S.P. 55 L.D. 125

Sponsored by Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative LINDAHL of Northport and Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Penobscot, MURRAY of Penobscot, Representative: COLWELL of Gardiner.

Bill "An Act to Increase Eligibility for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program"
S.P. 66 L.D. 169

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn and GOODWIN of Pembroke.

Bill "An Act Regarding a Prescription Drug Consortium"
S.P. 67 L.D. 170

Sponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn and Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, MUSE of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Senior Volunteerism in Maine"
S.P. 98 L.D. 237

Sponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, President LAWRENCE of York, MURRAY of Penobscot, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DESMOND of Mapleton, JOY of Crystal, QUINT of Portland, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Ensure that Autopsies and Toxicology Tests are Performed on Commercial Drivers Killed in the Course of Employment"
S.P. 102 L.D. 241

Sponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon and Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York, Representative: WATSON of Farmingdale.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Expand Maine's Moose Hunt" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 56 L.D. 126

Sponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Senator: LIBBY of York, Representative: DUNLAP of Old Town.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Hunters"
S.P. 83 L.D. 186

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot and Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, SMALL of Sagadahoc,

Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, MACK of Standish, STANLEY of Medway.

Bill "An Act to Change the Dates of the Moose Hunting Season"
S.P. 84 L.D. 187

Sponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative CARR of Lincoln and
Representative: JOY of Crystal.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Acquisition of Water Access Sites by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife"
S.P. 53 L.D. 123

Sponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KONTOS of Cumberland,
RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town,
GAGNON of Waterville, SAVAGE of West Buxton, TRUE of
Fryeburg.

Committee on **JUDICIARY** suggested and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **MICHAUD** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until
Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act Providing for Post-adoption Contact in Limited Situations"

S.P. 78 L.D. 181

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden and
Senator: PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representative:
SULLIVAN of Biddeford.

Bill "An Act to Inform Traffic Violators in Court of Potential Parallel Administrative Sanctions"

S.P. 103 L.D. 242

Sponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: STANLEY of Medway.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Exclude Claims for Intentional Criminal Acts from the Application of the Workers' Compensation Act of 1992"

S.P. 47 L.D. 118

Sponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, MILLS of Somerset, MURRAY of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: SAXL of Bangor, THOMPSON of Naples.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Timing of Elections Following the Submission of a Petition for People's Veto

S.P. 52 L.D. 122

Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representatives MAYO of Bath, TOWNSEND of Portland and Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: PERKINS of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine, ROSEN of Bucksport, STANWOOD of Southwest Harbor.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Beano and Games of Chance Statutes"
S.P. 61 L.D. 131

Sponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, LABRECQUE of Gorham, TRUE of Fryeburg.
Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Bill "An Act to Establish Limits on Contributions to Political Action Committees That Support Candidates"
S.P. 72 L.D. 175

Sponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BENOIT of Franklin, CAREY of Kennebec, DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative: BRENNAN of Portland.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Lobbying Fees"
S.P. 76 L.D. 179

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Enforcement of the Gambling Laws"
S.P. 82 L.D. 185

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Allow Unenrolled Voters to Serve as Election Workers at Polling Places"
S.P. 85 L.D. 188

Sponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell, NASS of Acton, and Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, CAREY of Kennebec, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, LONGLEY of Waldo, O'GARA of Cumberland.

Resolve, to Allow Zelma Rudge to Sue the State
S.P. 104 L.D. 243

Sponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative: STANLEY of Medway.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Harvesting of Elvers" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 59 L.D. 129

Sponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay and
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, O'NEIL of Saco.

Bill "An Act to Outlaw the Use of Fyke Nets in the Taking of
Elvers"
S.P. 70 L.D. 173

Sponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act to Require Criehaven Lobster Fishing Boats to Have
Propeller Cages" (EMERGENCY)
S.P. 99 L.D. 238

Sponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, PIEH of
Bremen, VOLLENIK of Brooklin.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and
ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Terminate the Authority of the Governmental
Facilities Authority"
S.P. 57 L.D. 127

Sponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, FERGUSON of
Oxford, MacKINNON of York, Representatives: BUCK of
Yarmouth, GOOLEY of Farmington, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

Bill "An Act to Improve Access to Electronic Filing for Businesses"
S.P. 77 L.D. 180

Sponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth and
Senators: KONTOS of Cumberland, MacKINNON of York,
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, SHOREY of Calais,
TRIPP of Topsham.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Provisions Relating to Executive
Sessions in Connection with the Transaction of Public or
Government Business"
S.P. 94 L.D. 233

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested
and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **BENNETT** of Oxford, **TABLED** until Later
in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program"
S.P. 44 L.D. 115

Sponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston and
Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: AHEARNE
of Madawaska, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, GERRY of Auburn,
MAILHOT of Lewiston.

Bill "An Act to Include Investment in Agricultural Building
Improvements in the Business Property Tax Reimbursement
Program"
S.P. 50 L.D. 120

Sponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and
Senators: LIBBY of York, MILLS of Somerset, NUTTING of
Androscoggin, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: CHICK of
Lebanon, PIEH of Bremen, TOBIN of Dexter.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Pregnancy Care Centers from the Sales
Tax"
S.P. 58 L.D. 128

Sponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone and
Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, CASSIDY of Washington,
FERGUSON of Oxford, MacKINNON of York, Representatives:
AHEARNE of Madawaska, KNEELAND of Easton, MAYO of Bath,
USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Public Property Tax Exemption"
S.P. 63 L.D. 166

Sponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MACK of Standish and Senators:
DAGGETT of Kennebec, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives:
BRUNO of Raymond, LEMONT of Kittery, MARTIN of Eagle
Lake, USHER of Westbrook.

Bill "An Act to Modify the Eligibility Standards for Medicaid and Elderly Low-Cost Drug Programs by Discounting the Amount Spent for Prescription Drugs from the Computation of Eligible Income"

S.P. 71 L.D. 174

Sponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senator: PINGREE of Knox.

Bill "An Act to Provide Certain Small Businesses a Tax Credit Against Health Care Costs"

S.P. 73 L.D. 176

Sponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick and Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis, and Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: MURPHY of Berwick, WHEELER of Eliot.

Bill "An Act to Extend the Tree Growth Plan Filing Deadline" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 74 L.D. 177

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate Duplicate Benefits from the Tax Increment Financing and Business Equipment Reimbursement Programs"

S.P. 79 L.D. 182

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Food and Lodging Property from the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program"

S.P. 80 L.D. 183

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Retail Store Property from the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program"

S.P. 81 L.D. 184

Sponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Bill "An Act to Exempt Articles of Clothing Costing Less than \$200 from the Sales Tax"

S.P. 89 L.D. 192

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Sales Tax on Textbooks"

S.P. 90 L.D. 193

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, DAGGETT of Kennebec, LIBBY of York, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CIANCHETTE of South Portland.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law"

S.P. 100 L.D. 239

Sponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MACK of Standish and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, DAGGETT of Kennebec, LIBBY of York, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, LEMONT of Kittery, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, USHER of Westbrook.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Allow Persons with Disabilities to Obtain More than One Disability Registration Plate"

S.P. 64 L.D. 167

Sponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth and Representative: SCHNEIDER of Durham.

Bill "An Act to Require Seat Belts on School Buses"

S.P. 86 L.D. 189

Sponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin.
Cosponsored by Representatives BAKER of Bangor, MENDROS of Lewiston and Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, MacKINNON of York.

Bill "An Act to Increase Nonregular Island Ferry Service from 24 to 36 Trips" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 91 L.D. 194

Sponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin and Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln, Representatives DUNLAP of Old Town, PIEH of Bremen.

Resolve, to Name the Bridge Between Bath and Woolwich the Sagadahoc Bridge

S.P. 97 L.D. 236

Sponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, PEAVEY of Woolwich.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Unfinished Business

The following matter in the consideration of which the Senate was engaged at the time of Adjournment had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by Senate Rule 516.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following Tabled and Later (1/7/99) Assigned matter:

Bill "An Act to Decriminalize Failure to Register a Motor Vehicle"
H.P. 47 L.D. 61

Tabled - January 7, 1999, by Senator **MURRAY** of Penobscot.

Pending - **REFERENCE**

(In House, January 7, 1999, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.)

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

SENATE PAPERS

Bill "An Act to Permit the Release and Publication of the Name of a Juvenile 14 Years of Age or Older Who Commits a Crime" (EMERGENCY)

S.P. 105 L.D. 244

Sponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MACK of Standish, MADORE of Augusta.

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Use of Campaign Funds"

S.P. 107 L.D. 246

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield and Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, HEIDRICH of Oxford, LABRECQUE of Gorham, SCHNEIDER of Durham, TUTTLE of Sanford.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Abolish Kennebec County as a Legal Entity"
S.P. 106 L.D. 245

Sponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative: GAGNON of Waterville.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Resolve, to Improve Access to the Maine Turnpike
S.P. 108 L.D. 247

Sponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Under suspension of the Rules, all matters thus acted upon were ordered sent down forthwith for concurrence.

Senate at Ease.

Senate called to order by the President.

On motion by Senator **RAND** of Cumberland, **RECESSED** until the sound of the bell.

After Recess

Senate called to order by the President.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair is pleased to recognize in the rear of the chamber the doctor of the day, Dr. John A. James of Auburn. Dr. James, now retired, practiced obstetrics and gynecology in private practice in the Lewiston/Auburn area. Dr. James is the guest today of the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Douglass. Would he please rise and receive the greetings of the Senate.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Douglass.

Senator **DOUGLASS:** Mr. President, I wanted to specifically recognize Dr. James as a long time family friend, as my own doctor at one time, and as one who delivered children to some other Senators here. He has given his time and energy to citizens

around Androscoggin County for many, many years. He served for, I think, 30 years as doctor to the Auburn School Committee. So his contributions to our area have gone far beyond those of the medical practice alone. He's a historian and he also was the doctor for my mother-in-law who is of course very special to me. So I wanted to especially recognize him for all his contributions, those medical and other. Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Waldo, Senator Longley, who requests unanimous consent to address the Senate on the record. The Senator may proceed.

Senator **LONGLEY:** 42 years later, I would like to extend my thanks to Dr. James. He delivered me.

Off Record Remarks

THE PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Senator from Androscoggin, Senator Berube.

Senator **BERUBE:** Dr. James is not ancient by any means, but I must say that because of his actions and his medical profession and expertise 4 years ago that's one of the reasons I'm here tonight. Thank you.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Fund a Cranberry Specialist Position in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources"
H.P. 91 L.D. 104

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** and ordered printed.

On motion by Senator **NUTTING** of Androscoggin **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bill "An Act Regarding Portable Tree Stands"
H.P. 102 L.D. 133

Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Allow the Maine Association of Realtors to Purchase Insurance under Group Health Insurance Plans" H.P. 66 L.D. 79

Bill "An Act to Create a Mandatory Auto Insurance Premium Discount for Safe, Mature Drivers" H.P. 79 L.D. 92

Bill "An Act to Require Mortgage Holders Who Escrow Property Taxes to Reduce the Escrow Due to the Homestead Exemption" H.P. 84 L.D. 97

Bill "An Act to Protect Enrollees of Managed Care Plans" H.P. 95 L.D. 108

Bill "An Act to Amend the Health Plan Improvement Act" H.P. 124 L.D. 155

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BANKING AND INSURANCE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Create Licensing Requirements for Pipefitters" H.P. 62 L.D. 75

Resolve, to Study Current Regulations Imposed on Small Businesses to Require Greater Efficiency H.P. 99 L.D. 112

Bill "An Act to Promote Business and Economic Development by Helping Sign Manufacturers in Maine" H.P. 135 L.D. 197

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Enhance Economic Development in Hancock County" H.P. 121 L.D. 152

Committee on **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

On motion by Senator **KONTOS** of Cumberland, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Prohibiting Terrorizing" H.P. 69 L.D. 82

Bill "An Act to Make It a Crime to Solicit a Child by Means of Computer to Commit an Unlawful Sexual Act" H.P. 71 L.D. 84

Bill "An Act to Require Auctions for Confiscated Firearms" H.P. 86 L.D. 99

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Penalties for the Purchase of Cigarettes by a Minor" H.P. 98 L.D. 111

Bill "An Act to Make Corrections to the Laws Governing the County Jail Prisoner Support and Community Corrections Fund" H.P. 113 L.D. 144

Bill "An Act to Increase the Fee Charged by Bail Commissioners" H.P. 122 L.D. 153

Bill "An Act to Repeal the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Certification Requirements for Sheriffs" H.P. 139 L.D. 201

Bill "An Act to Criminalize the Negligent or Purposeful Transmission of HIV" H.P. 149 L.D. 211

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Taking of Another Person's Legal Identification" H.P. 162 L.D. 224

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

H.P. 67 L.D. 80

REFERRED to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Resolve, Directing a Study of the Needs of the Elderly Population with Mental Retardation

H.P. 82 L.D. 95

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Foster Parents" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 94 L.D. 107

Bill "An Act to Ensure Funding for a Replacement Correctional Facility in Washington County"

H.P. 65 L.D. 78

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Family Planning Agencies from Using State Funds for Certain Expenses Related to Abortion Services"

H.P. 103 L.D. 134

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** and ordered printed.

Bill "An Act to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and Increase Coverage"

H.P. 112 L.D. 143

On motion by Senator **MURRAY** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Bill "An Act to Enact a Medicaid Anti-kickback Law"

H.P. 118 L.D. 149

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

Bill "An Act to Require a Review of Contracts between Long-term Care Facilities and Consulting Pharmacists"

H.P. 119 L.D. 150

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Establish the Endowment Incentive Fund"

H.P. 77 L.D. 90

Bill "An Act to Create the Maine Tax filer's Prescription Medication Plan"

H.P. 144 L.D. 206

Bill "An Act to Require That All Schools Employ a Gifted and Talented Teacher"

H.P. 137 L.D. 199

Bill "An Act to Clarify the Confidentiality of Health Care Information" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 145 L.D. 207

Bill "An Act to Amend the Definition of Exceptional Student"

H.P. 147 L.D. 209

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Certification in First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for Certain School Personnel"

H.P. 158 L.D. 220

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

Bill "An Act to Add to the List of Mandatory Reporters of Suspected Child Abuse Children's Summer Camp Employees"

H.P. 75 L.D. 88

REFERRED to the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** suggested and ordered printed.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Require the Retention of Medical Records"

H.P. 64 L.D. 77

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Allow Foster Parents to Be Present When the Department of Human Services Meets with a Foster Child"

Bill "An Act to Require Small Claims to be Brought in the County where the Transaction Occurred"

H.P. 59 L.D. 72

Bill "An Act to Require Parental Notification for Minors Seeking Abortions"

H.P. 106 L.D. 137

Bill "An Act to Initiate Covenant Marriage in the State"

H.P. 169 L.D. 231

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Provide Equitable Benefits to Teacher Assistants"
H.P. 61 L.D. 74

Bill "An Act to Forbid Hiring Replacement Workers during a Strike"
H.P. 105 L.D. 136

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Maine Jobs Council"
H.P. 125 L.D. 156

Bill "An Act to Allow the Bureau of Labor Standards to Better Secure Payment of Unpaid Wages and Severance Pay for Workers"
H.P. 128 L.D. 159

Bill "An Act to Amend the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 as it Relates to Compensation for Amputation of a Body Part"
H.P. 163 L.D. 225

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LABOR** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LABOR** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired"
H.P. 123 L.D. 154

Committee on **LABOR** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Require All Voting Places to be Accessible"
H.P. 74 L.D. 87

Resolve, to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service for Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 76 L.D. 89

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Minimum Quota Requirement for a Store to Have a Lottery Machine"
H.P. 78 L.D. 91

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Public Broadcasting Stations from Auctioning Alcoholic Beverages"
H.P. 116 L.D. 147

Bill "An Act to Make the Purchase or Sale of Liquor by Direct Shipment, Mail Order or the Internet a Class C Crime"
H.P. 117 L.D. 148

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Mandatory Maine National Guard Membership"
H.P. 120 L.D. 151

Bill "An Act to Require an Elected Town Clerk to Nominate the Registrar of Voters"
H.P. 127 L.D. 158

Bill "An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Provide Single-sided Ballots upon Request of Municipal Clerks"
H.P. 142 L.D. 204

Bill "An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Acceptance of Campaign Contributions during Legislative Sessions"
H.P. 153 L.D. 215

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Transportation of Open Containers that Contain Liquor"
H.P. 154 L.D. 216

Bill "An Act Relating to the Registration Requirements of the Military Selective Service Act"
H.P. 168 L.D. 230

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

H.P. 87 L.D. 100

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require a Referendum for a People's Veto to Be Held at a Primary or General Election

H.P. 166 L.D. 228

Committee on **LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**.

On motion by Senator **DAGGETT** of Kennebec, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Student Lobster License" H.P. 111 L.D. 142

Bill "An Act to Withdraw from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact" (EMERGENCY) H.P. 114 L.D. 145

Bill "An Act to Establish a Sliding Scale for That Portion of the Lobster License Fee Paid to the Lobster Promotion Council" H.P. 129 L.D. 160

Bill "An Act to Clarify That a Person Who Fishes for Lobster May Fish in More than One Zone" H.P. 141 L.D. 203

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **MARINE RESOURCES** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Paper

Bill "An Act to Expedite the Permitting Process within the Department of Environmental Protection"

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Establish a Children's Bureau within the Executive Department to Serve the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Education and the Department of Corrections" H.P. 73 L.D. 86

Bill "An Act Requiring Interim Annual Budgets for Municipalities" H.P. 80 L.D. 93

Bill "An Act to Observe Daylight Savings Time Year-round" H.P. 85 L.D. 98

Bill "An Act Authorizing County Commissioners to Enact Noise and Animal Control Ordinances in Unorganized Territories" H.P. 108 L.D. 139

Bill "An Act to Allow Review of Examination-related Issues in Executive Session" H.P. 126 L.D. 157

Bill "An Act to Require Notice Prior to the Posting of Roads by Municipalities" H.P. 133 L.D. 164

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Fund Mandates Enacted Solely for an Individual's Safety H.P. 136 L.D. 198

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Require Electronic Recording of Closed Sessions of Public Bodies" H.P. 143 L.D. 205

Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **JUDICIARY**.

H.P. 132 L.D. 163

REFERRED to the Committee on **JUDICIARY** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Increase the Property Tax Exemptions for a Parsonage"

H.P. 150 L.D. 212

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

Bill "An Act to Exempt Sales of Clothing From Tax for One Week in August"

H.P. 151 L.D. 213

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Bill "An Act to Release Estate Tax Liens on Certain Real Estate"

H.P. 161 L.D. 223

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Provide a State Income Tax Checkoff for Contributions to the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery"
H.P. 60 L.D. 73

Bill "An Act to Decrease Individual Income Tax by 20%"
H.P. 164 L.D. 226

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide Tax Relief for Maine Citizens
H.P. 72 L.D. 85

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TAXATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TAXATION** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Provide a Property Tax Abatement for a Residential Structure Destroyed by Fire or Natural Disaster"
H.P. 81 L.D. 94

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Bill "An Act to Create a Civil Violation for the Misuse of a Sales Tax Registration Certificate Number"
H.P. 83 L.D. 96

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Provide a State Income Tax Deduction for Rent"
H.P. 88 L.D. 101

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Fee Charged for Certain State Audits"
H.P. 63 L.D. 76

Bill "An Act to Change Eligibility for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program"
H.P. 89 L.D. 102

Bill "An Act to Prohibit the Use of Hand-held Phones by Operators of Moving Motor Vehicles"
H.P. 68 L.D. 81

Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to State Earned Income Credit"
H.P. 90 L.D. 103

Bill "An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Notify the Secretary of State When the Insurance on a Registered Vehicle has Lapsed"
H.P. 109 L.D. 140

Bill "An Act to Provide a Tuition Exemption for Certain State Residents"
H.P. 100 L.D. 113

Bill "An Act to Abolish the Maine Turnpike Authority"
H.P. 140 L.D. 202

Bill "An Act to Exempt Pension and Retirement Benefits from the Maine Income Tax"
H.P. 115 L.D. 146

Bill "An Act to Require Mandatory All-way Stops at Intersections with Nonfunctional Electrical Traffic Signals"
H.P. 148 L.D. 210

Bill "An Act to Establish a Lead Abatement Revolving Loan Fund and a Tax Credit for Day Care Facilities for Expenditures Required to Comply with the Lead Poisoning Control Act" (EMERGENCY)
H.P. 130 L.D. 161

Bill "An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees"
H.P. 156 L.D. 218

Bill "An Act to Make Minor Substantive Changes in the Tax Laws"
H.P. 131 L.D. 162

Bill "An Act to Require Helmets for Children when Riding Bicycles, All-terrain Vehicles or Snowmobiles"
H.P. 159 L.D. 221

Bill "An Act to Eliminate the Marriage Penalty under the Income Tax Laws"

Bill "An Act to Alter the Firefighter License Plate"
H.P. 160 L.D. 222

Bill "An Act to Aid Enforcement of the Laws Regarding Insurance for Motor Vehicles"

H.P. 167 L.D. 229

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Amend the Diesel-powered Motor Vehicle Emission Opacity Testing Program"

H.P. 110 L.D. 141

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **NATURAL RESOURCES** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Further Decriminalize Operating an Unregistered Vehicle"

H.P. 165 L.D. 227

Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**.

On motion by Senator **MURRAY** of Penobscot, **TABLED** until Later in Today's Session, pending **REFERENCE**.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Clarify Great Northern Paper, Inc.'s Status to Furnish Electricity" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 92 L.D. 105

Bill "An Act to Amend the Charter of the Mars Hill Utility District"

H.P. 96 L.D. 109

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Intrastate Telemarketers from Blocking Caller ID"

H.P. 146 L.D. 208

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **UTILITIES AND ENERGY** and **ordered printed**, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

**Pursuant to Resolve
Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman
for the Department of Human Services and the
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services**

The **Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services** pursuant to Resolve 1997, c. 120 asked leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Relating to the Department of Human Services"

H.P. 101 L.D. 114

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Comes from the House with the Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**, in concurrence.

REFERRED to the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

House Papers

Bill "An Act to Restrict Large Motors on Small Lakes"

H.P. 70 L.D. 83

Bill "An Act to Repeal Certain Laws Relating to Personal Watercraft"

H.P. 93 L.D. 106

Bill "An Act to Allow the Use of All-terrain Vehicles on the Extreme Right of a Public Way" (EMERGENCY)

H.P. 97 L.D. 110

Bill "An Act to Promote the "Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs" Program"

H.P. 107 L.D. 138

On motion by Senator **PINGREE** of Knox, **ADJOURNED**, until Thursday, January 14, 1999, at 10:00 in the morning.

Bill "An Act to Prohibit Rewards to Fish and Wildlife Informants"

H.P. 134 L.D. 196

Bill "An Act Regarding the Posting of Land Against Hunting"

H.P. 138 L.D. 200

Bill "An Act to Require On-duty Government Employees to Wear the Same Orange Clothing as Hunters When in the Woods during Deer Season"

H.P. 157 L.D. 219

Come from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed.

REFERRED to the Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Bill "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Help Increase Fish Production at the State Hatcheries"

H.P. 104 L.D. 135

Committee on **INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE** suggested and ordered printed.

Comes from the House, **REFERRED** to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**.

REFERRED to the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** and ordered printed, in concurrence.

Out of order and under suspension of the Rules, the Senate considered the following:

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE

Joint Order

The following Joint Order: H.P. 270

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services report out, to the House, legislation to delay retroactively the implementation of Public Law 1997, chapter 793 until October 1, 1999.

Comes from the House, **READ** and **PASSED**.

READ and **PASSED**, in concurrence.

Off Record Remarks